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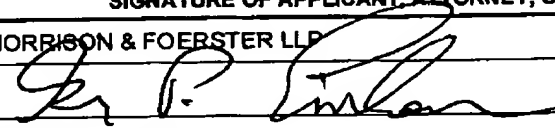
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the second Election/Restriction Requirement mailed December 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was originally due January 28, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for one month to February 28, 2005. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, Fee Transmittal, Petition to Extend Time, Facsimile cover sheet.

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